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ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED

Alien Removed Two Times Sentenced for Illegal Re-entry into United States

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY RICHARD S. HARTUNIAN announced that LEONEL PEREZ MAZARIEGOS, age 27, of Johnstown, New York, was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Lawrence E. Kahn, in Albany, New York, for illegally reentering the United States after removal. PEREZ MAZARIEGOS was sentenced to imprisonment for a term of "time served" (72 days). PEREZ MAZARIEGOS was remanded to the custody of the Department of Homeland Security for removal proceedings.

Today's sentencing followed PEREZ MAZARIEGOS's February 1, 2012 guilty plea. PEREZ MAZARIEGOS, a citizen of Mexico, was involuntarily removed from the United States to Mexico on two separate occasions in 2010, the most recent being November 13, 2010. PEREZ MAZARIEGOS was arrested by US Border Patrol Agents along the Southwest Border after sneaking into the United States a total of four times: April 22, 2001, October 23, 2010, November 1, 2010 and November 12, 2010. On January 17, 2012 PEREZ MAZARIEGOS was arrested by an ICE officer at the Mohawk Town Court when he appeared there in connection with a pending local charge.

This matter was investigated by the ICE office in Albany, New York.

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